

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 5-10, and 14 have been amended. Claims 15 and 16 have been added. Thus, Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application.

Claim objection:

The Examiner objected to Claims 1-12, and 14 because of informalities. With respect to claim 1, Applicant respectfully disagrees. The objected term in claim 1 is “first voltage and second voltage drop.” The Examiner stated that this language lacks antecedent basis. Applicant assumes that the Examiner inadvertently misinterpreted the term “drop” as a noun. However, “drop” is used as a verb in this sentence and the “first voltage” as well as “the second voltage” are defined in line 6 and 7 of claim 1. Thus, applicant believes that no lack of antecedent basis is present in claim 1.

With respect to the remaining objections, applicant amended these claims to overcome these objections. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating allowance of these claims upon amendment and for proposing certain changes which have been mostly adopted. Applicant amended claim 6 to remove the objected terms. Claim 6 now uses Markush language. Furthermore, new claims 15 and 16 are identical to claim 6 and include the deleted terms. To overcome lack of antecedent basis these claims now refer to the respective claims in which the elements objected to are defined.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*) Order Number 068758.0142.

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